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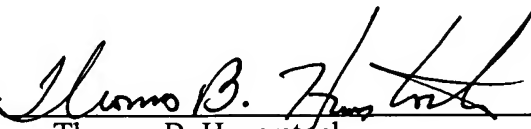
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- European Publication No. EP 0 726 099 A2;
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